बैंकों को सेवा क्षेत्र बाध्यता से मुक्त करने जिनका 1992–93 के दौरान संवितरण 2 करोड़ रुपए से कम था, हानि उठाने वाली शाखाओं को मंडियों, ताल्लुका/जिला मुख्यालयों, कृषि उत्पाद केन्द्रों आदि जैसे स्थानों में अवस्थिति करने की अनुमति देने और जिन संस्थानों के क्षेत्रीय ग्रामीण बैंक प्रमुख बैंकर हैं उनके परिसरों में विस्तार काउंटर खोलने सहित इसमें कई उपाय शामिल है। क्षेत्रीय ग्रामीण बैंकों को सुरक्षित जमा जाकर स्थापित करने की अनुमति भी दी गई है।

Fake Policies of LIC

2696. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to refer to answer to Starred Question 2 given in the Rajya Sabha on 22nd February, 1994 and state;

(a) whetner Government have come across fake policies of LIC taken by policy holders;

(b) if so, what is the number of fake LIC policies detected during 1991-92 and 1992-93 and what is the estimated amount involved in each of these years;

(c) in how many cases the maturе dfake policies were paid to the policyholders;

(d) whether any inquiry has been conducted by the Government to identify the racket involved and the official involvement if any; and

(e) if so, what is the outcome thereof and what action has been taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (DR. ABRAR AHMED): (a) The Life Insurance Corporation of India have reported that they have a full-proof system to verify the correctness of the facts furnished in the proposal from by the proponent before issuing a policy in his favour. They also reported that they have not come across any case of fake insurance policy taken by policyholders.

(b) to (e) Do not arise.

Investigations into fera violation by bennet and collman

2697. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pelased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Enforcement Directorate is investigating a case fo FERA violation against Shri Ashok Jain, Chairman; Bennet and Collman;

(b) if so, what is the latest possition of the investigation of the case and in case it has been dropped, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Reserve Bank of India has issued a licence to establish a bank to M/s. Bennet and Collman as a division thereof; and

(d) the reasons for granting banking licence to the Company especially when the case of FERA violation and security scams are under investigation by Government agencies against the M/s. Bennet and Collman?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Income-tax notice to Ms. Jayalalitha

2698. SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the notices issued by the Income Tax authorities under Section 148 and other Sections of the